

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

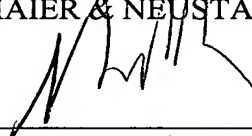
Allowable Claims 4 and 17 have been cancelled and the subject matter thereof has been incorporated into Claims 1 and 14, respectively. Claims 7 and 20 have been rewritten in independent form. The prior art rejection is therefore believed to be moot.

The informalities noted in paragraph 2 have been corrected.

Applicants therefore believe that the present application is in a condition for allowance and respectfully solicit an early notice of allowability.

Respectfully submitted,

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